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OSBORNE FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. C5M1/1120 **EXAMINER** JOHN L. ALEX TAYLOR, D LOCKWOOD, ALEX, FITZGIBBON & CUMMINGS THREE FIRST NATIONAL PLAZA PAPER NUMBER ART UNIT SUITE 1700 CHICAGO IL 60602 DATE MAILED: SUPP/EMENTE/ PART I. 1. This communication is responsive to _ 2. 🗷 All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due 3. In the allowed claims are 4.

The drawings filed on _ are acceptable. 5. 🗆 Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [_] been received. [_] not been received. [_] been filed in parent application Serial No. _ . filed on _ Mote the attached Examiner's Amendment. 7. Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413. 8. Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. 9.

Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892. 10. I Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449. A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). 1.
Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED. 2.

APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER. a.
□ Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. .. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED. b. \square The proposed drawing correction filed on _ _ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED. c.
Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED. d. Formal drawings are now REQUIRED. Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER. Attachments: Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152 Examiner's Amendment Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL- 413 Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948 Reasons for Allowance Listing of Bonded Draftsmen Notice of References Cited, PTO-892 _ Other Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449

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Part III EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

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In the specification:

In the ABSTRACT, line 2, "the" has been changed to --an--and in line 10, after "tested" --for leaks-- has been added.

Page 3, line 5, "and" has been changed to --is--;

Page 4, line 17, after the period (.), -FIG. 4 shows an alternate embodiment of the embodiment of the invention shown in FIGS. 1 to 3. -- has been added;

Page 4, line 20, after the period (.), --FIG. 5 shows another alternate embodiment of the invention shown in FIGS. 1 to 3 connecting a plurality of underground storage tank systems. -- has been added;

/Page 7, lines 17-23 have been canceled;

Page 8, line 28, after "112.", —The coupling 199 secures
the primary pipe 122 to the bottom of the shear valve 139 at the
base of the dispenser 135.— has been added;

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Page 8, line 33, after "112.", --Coupling 198 and 199 may be compression fittings similar to the compression fitting 18 shown in FIG. 2.- has been added;

Page 10, line 10, after "necessary." — The primary and secondary pipes may consist of a plurality of pipe segments, each respective segment connected to one another so as to form a continuous primary pipe, or a continuous secondary pipe.— has

been added; and

page 10, line 26, after "pipe" --222.-- has been added.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David Lesht on November 19, 1996.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. Taylor whose **telephone number is (703) 308-1013**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tamara Graysay, can be reached on (703) 308-2144. The **fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3597 or 305-3598**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168.

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